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Report Highlights:

The Post marketing year (MY) 2011/12 (August/July) production forecast is revised upward to 1.186 million bales. As previously reported, the Confederation of Mexican Cotton Associations (CMCA) indicates that the high heat and drought that prevailed across much of Mexico this year have had little impact on cotton production. The Post marketing year MY2010/11 production, supply, and distribution estimates remain unchanged.

General Information:

Production:

The CMCA is preparing its preliminary end of year figures for MY2010/11 and expects to release them soon. As of July 28, 2011, CMCA reported no significant effects on cotton production due to heat stress and drought in northern Mexico. Based on the most recent and available data, CMCA has adjusted its MY2011/12 forecasts of planted area and production upwards to 196,820 hectares (ha), and 1,185,878 bales, respectively. See GAIN Report [MX1054](#) *June Cotton Update* for previous estimates. Forecast yield estimates were revised downward slightly to 6.02 bales/ha, reportedly due to heat stress, but overall production is estimated to increase as regional cotton associations have provided more accurate data on planted and harvested area.

The total MY2011/12 Chihuahua planted area is forecast at 110,563 ha, an increase of 7.13 percent in comparison with Post's previous forecast. As of early August, it was expected that northern Sonora had planted 2,500 ha. The ginning in southern Sonora (Tamaulipas, too) should start by the second week of August where the fiber is expected to exceed the quality standard. The expected losses in yields, due to heat stress and continued drought in Mexicali are likely offset by an acreage increase of 16.54 percent. Sources are reporting that heat and drought have aided the control of pests in non-cotton crops and, as such, are not spreading into cotton areas. The La Laguna region has confirmed the planting of 25,000 ha. In total, MY2011/12 planted area is forecast to increase by 69.83 percent when compared to the preliminary end of year estimate of MY2010/11 planted area.

Table 1. Mexico: Cotton Production by State/Region for MY2011/12

Region	Planted Area (Ha)	Yield (Bales/Ha)	Production (Bales)
Northern Sonora	2,500	5.0	12,500
Southern Sonora	15,000	5.0	75,000
Mexicali, Baja California	37,957	6.0	227,740
Juarez, Chihuahua	20,583	6.0	123,498
Ascencion, Chihuahua	49,896	6.0	299,376
Meoqui, Chihuahua	4,282	5.5	23,551
Ojinaga-Aldama, Chihuahua	35,802	6.5	232,713
La Laguna	25,000	6.5	162,500
Northern Tamaulipas	5,000	5.0	25,000
Sinaloa	800	5.0	4,000
TOTAL	196,820	6.02	1,185,878

Source: CMCA

Consumption:

The Post consumption forecast for MY2011/12 remains unchanged.

Trade:

The Post MY2011/12 import and export forecasts remain unchanged at 1.3 million bales. CMCA, however, forecasts that increased production could decrease imports to 1.2 million bales.

Stocks:

Post's MY2011/12 ending stocks figures were revised upward 7.78 percent, to 942,000 bales due to recent data issued by CMCA. The Post MY2010/11 ending stock estimate remains unchanged at 981,000 bales.

Production, Supply and Demand Data Statistics :

Table 2. Mexico: Production, Supply, and Distribution (PS&D)

Cotton Mexico	2009/2010		2010/2011		2011/2012	
	Market Year Begin: Aug 2009		Market Year Begin: Aug 2010		Market Year Begin: Aug 2011	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	0	69	0	116	0	197
Area Harvested	70	69	116	116	180	190
Beginning Stocks	764	764	579	841	492	981
Production	422	411	713	713	1,100	1,186
Imports	1,393	1,600	1,200	1,600	1,100	1,300
MY Imports from U.S.	0	1,420	0	1,600	0	1,300
Total Supply	2,579	2,775	2,492	3,154	2,692	3,467
Exports	75	109	275	200	250	200
Use	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,948	1,800	2,300
Loss	25	25	25	25	25	25
Total Dom. Cons.	1,925	1,825	1,725	1,973	1,825	2,325
Ending Stocks	579	841	492	981	617	942
Total Distribution	2,579	2,775	2,492	3,154	2,692	3,467

1000 HA, 1000 480 lb. Bales, PERCENT, KG/HA

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MX1034	April Cotton Update	4/29/2011
MX1025	2011 Cotton Annual	4/1/2011
MX1018	February Cotton Update	3/15/2011
MX1008	December Cotton Update	2/01/2011
MX0077	Cotton Situation – October Update	10/25/2010
MX0062	Cotton Situation – September Update	9/10/2010

MX0038	July Cotton Update	6/15/2010
MX0021	Cotton and Products Annual	4/14/2010

Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagarpa.gob.mx , equivalent to the U.S. Department of Commerce (SE) can be found at www.economia.gob.mx and equivalent to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (SALUD) can be found at www.salud.gob.mx. These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with, the information contained on the mentioned sites.